

Development of Standards and Guidelines for the Mining Code

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Intro's and Agenda

ISA Development of Standards at Guidelines Workshop



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- Maersk are providing DeepGreen's vessels for exploration, survey and monitoring work in the NORI area of CCZ
- Allseas currently design/build of DeepGreen's Pilot Mining system for NORI area of CCZ
- Status :— Busy recruiting, writing standards, specifications, sub-contracts!



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Topics

- State-of-the-art standards development experience in UK
- Other case studies; EU's Blue Nodules project and experience from International Association of Oil & Gas Operators
- DeepGreen's feedback on areas where specific new work may be needed
- Some Conclusions



Standards development in UK infrastructure and energy

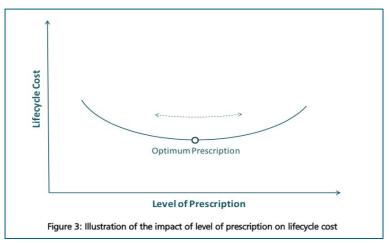
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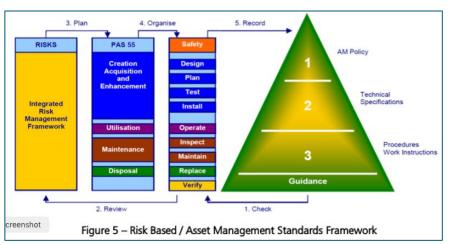
Standards - defined in UK as an agreed, fair and repeatable way of doing business safely. Published criteria designed to be used consistently as a rule, guideline or definition.

Specification is a document used by the Client to define the project requirements to a 3rd party, usually the contractor.

Since Cullen Enquiry in 1992 (after Piper Alpha oil platform disaster) standards in UK Energy sector and now much of world switched to risk based and independently regulated methods. E.g. ALARP* principle.

UK's Infrastructure Standards Group under I.C.E. currently recommends[#] such a process and it seems inline with I.S.A.'s processes.







^{*} As Low As Reasonably Practical

[#] Link: https://www.ice.org.uk/knowledge-and-resources/best-practice/specifying-successful-standards

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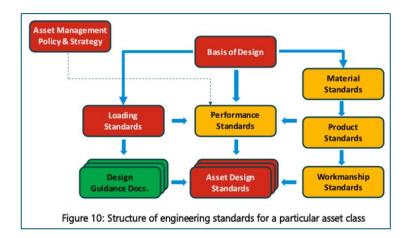
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Some engineering standards are not appropriately structured to provide clear linkages between different standards that apply to a particular asset class or a group of similar asset classes. Often different types of requirements (e.g. performance, loading, materials, etc.) are included within a single document. This makes them inflexible when applying to a wide range of projects.

It is recommended that as standards are created they should be grouped to set out the basis of design, performance standards, loading standards, design standards, material specifications and construction specifications to ensure clarity in use.

The above categorisation would allow client bodies to decide which of these standards they should retain ownership for and which ones would be best left to the trade bodies and supply chain to develop.

The client bodies should preferably retain ownership for only the "performance standards" which define the performance parameters relevant for the asset class. The performance standards should provide flexibility to adjust for individual assets/projects depending on the functional needs and potential risks.



Conclusion – Well crafted architecture of standards avoids reinvention of the wheel!

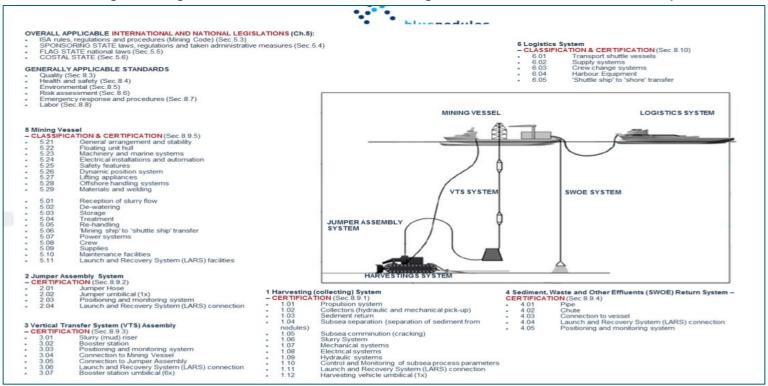


Some case studies:

- EU's "Blue Nodules" Joint Industry R&D project has produced a report "Rules and Regulations" listing 85 standards or guidelines relevant to Engineering components of an Offshore Mining Facility.
- IOGP* have since 2012 collaborated with ISO to reduce the myriad national, international standards converting them into a single, simple, comprehensive upstream engineering library of around 120 ISO standards.

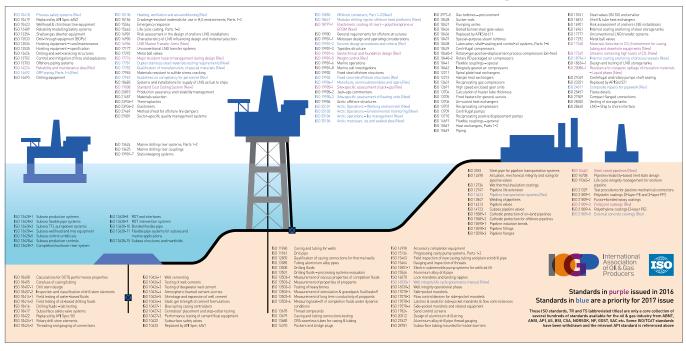


List of Engineering Standards Needed According to Blue Nodule EU R&D Project





ISO Standards for use in the oil & gas industry





Some Specific New Engineering Guidance from ISA may be

Needed.....

No.	Need for a Standard	Requirement
1	Structural safety, reliability and fatigue. Covers floating and subsea facilities, seabed integrity.	Ensure structural integrity and safety. Considers probability of structural failures. Factors of Safety (FoS) in design can vary widely. Probably covered by existing ISO standards in loads and materials subject to clarification or consensus of FoS requirements, but specific ISA guidance may be appropriate particularly on seabed stability and geo-hazards.
2	Subsea shut down requirements. Both planned and emergency scenarios.	Time to shut down, how is it triggered. What subsea equipment is left on seabed, does it have to be recovered. E.g. foundation pilings may be need to installed for hurricane standby anchors.
3	Subsea intervention interfaces	Does regulator require common intervention interfaces for safety to allow different contractors on adjacent licences to rescue each others subsea equipment in an emergency. Cost involved. If required, oilfield ISO standards can cover already.
4	New technology/component qualification	How should this be defined? Joint Industry Collaboration? What level of testing? TRL system now adopted by multiple industries.
5	Data handling storage and distribution protocols	File formats, compatibility, security, confidentiality



Conclusions

- ISA's development process for Standards sounds like its inline with state-of-the-art from other asset management sectors.
- Upstream offshore energy sector definitely provides a comprehensive and highly applicable library of engineering standards available for use.
- Existing documents should be read, reviewed, edited (if necessary) and adopted. Not simply cut and paste!
- Joint Industry Projects for new technology subjects, with their standards development committees, has proved a successful process in upstream offshore energy.
- Contractors, and all stake-holders, must have important voice throughout this process!

